

In the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007903 as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to an~~ An ironing board ~~comprising~~ includes a heat-resistant ironing board cover which can be placed thereon and ~~is provided with~~ includes elastic padding. The inventive ironing board ~~(1, 11) has~~ includes a peripheral edge ~~(4, 14)~~ which projects past the surface ~~(9)~~ of the ironing board and holds the padding ~~(3)~~ in place.